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Memorandum to: Mr. Paul Cretien

18 March 1965

Please accept my request for an interview with the DCI to get material for a magazine article.

I would like to submit ten questions in writing and receive written answers to them, following which I might have a ten-minute discussion with the DCI to talk over the written answers in general terms. I would prepare an article from these answers and submit it to you for approval. The questions, prepared with a reader's interest and security considerations in mind, are attached. If you have any other answers you might wish to cover, I would add appropriate questions for them.

The article would be of an informal interview type and none of the DCI's answers would be put in direct quotes. Such an article would also touch lightly upon the general outline of my own career in the CIA. The subject might be something to this effect: A Discussion Between an ex-CIA Officer and the CIA Director. The opening paragraph might be along the following lines:

Although I had always wanted to be a writer, upon graduating from college I was called upon to join the CIA, and I subsequently spent fourteen interesting years with our nation's first career intelligence service. On return from my latest overseas tour, I decided that if I was ever going to make a start as a writer, it had better be now. It was a painful decision for me to make, and it took me six months to make it. After submitting my resignation, I asked if I might have an interview with John McCone, the Director of the CIA, which I could publish as I started a new writing career. Mr. McCone graciously received me in his office in the new CIA building in Langley, Virginia, across the Potomac River from Washington, and this is what we discussed. Etc.

Let me give you my thanks for considering this proposal.

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*Requests -*

1. Interview with DCI
  2. If no, check out other alternatives
  3. Possibility of having Agency report sent to get out
- Turned these down*